

Thousands of people gathered in our nation's capital today for the 39<sup>th</sup> annual March for Life, marking the anniversary of

*Roe v. Wade*

and advocating for the rights of unborn children. I commend those who have traveled here to stand in support of life as well as the many other people throughout our nation that work to promote the sanctity of life. I'm encouraged that a growing number of Americans believe the unborn are humans that should be welcomed by parents and society and protected by law. Through acts of compassion and additional scientific advancements showing the irrefutable presence of life in its earliest moments, I believe even more Americans will become defenders of the unborn. We must all work together to promote a society that views life as sacred, and I will do everything I can in Congress to promote that value.

In the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress, I have supported legislation, including the [No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act](#) and the [Protect Life Act](#)

, to enhance prohibitions on paying for abortions with federal taxpayer dollars. I have also cosponsored numerous bills that further our efforts to protect the life of the unborn. These bills include:

- Ultrasound Informed Consent Act (pending introduction) – Requires abortion providers to perform ultrasounds prior to abortions and offer the mother the opportunity to see the results along with a medical description of the images.

- DC Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (pending introduction) – Prohibits an abortion of an unborn child in the District of Columbia that has surpassed 20 weeks' gestation, on the basis that children at this stage of development can feel pain. The medical community has reached a consensus that an unborn child can feel pain by at least 20 weeks' gestation (the five month mark).

- [Life at Conception Act](#) – Establishes personhood at the moment of conception and is intended to guarantee the constitutional right to life for unborn children.

- [Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act](#) – Requires parental notification before an abortion is conducted on a minor from another state.